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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter giving consideration to my dating of the "Walker" letter. I have attached my analysis for your record.

I first thought of deM as CIA because of the way Commission Counsel questioned him, going so far as to ask whether in his opinion any serious conspiracy would enlist a type like Oswald. Also because of his proximity to events in Guatemala before Bay of Pigs. Peter Gregory is another one to keep an eye on. He was with Marina on the day Oswald was shot, I believe, right along with secret service.

Thanks to your insight and relentless reading of the Report, it seems now that most everyone is hot on the scent of a false Oswald. But -

I tremble to say it, but is it possible that there was another "Lee" Oswald who was not a false Oswald? Someone a little older, a little taller, a little heavier - an ex-Marine to boot? Brothers are sometimes easily mistaken for each other; a smile, a way of speaking, a gesture - these are more often a way of identification than actual appearance. What about the ammunition allegedly bought in Fort Worth in early November 1963 by an ex-Marine who strongly resembled Oswald?

And further, even if Oswald was impersonated, would it have had to be without his knowledge? I feel he was busy incriminating himself. He had made almost a fictional character of himself, the red defector. He could have expected to be spirited away, out of the country, or in disguise - maybe we ought to remember that he was a James Bond fan (see books checked out of New Orleans library), and a very young man who had already had far-out adventures. He might have believed in a fantastic plot with a happy ending for himself. (This is not to say he actually did any shooting.)

Whitewash has made it plain that Cuban refugees were probably involved

But - this troubles me - after Oswald's return from Mexico, no more Cubans. Nor any accents that I know of. Instead we find rude bubble-gum chewing characters, in cowboy boots, hot rod cars, etc. We even have a 14 year old boy making "leftist remarks" in the company of an Oswald. Who but a Minuteman type would be stupid and insolent enough to involve a 14 year old boy? In a conspiracy of this dimension?

The thing is - I think - Oswald was the go-between. His job was to find somebody to do the actual killing. He searched among the Cubans (obvious explanation of the New Orleans trip and the Odio incident) but probably had to settle for the minutemen types who start showing up in November 1963.

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The Cubans would have been the better solution for the plotters - if ever that plot (pro-Castro faked up group) was uncovered, then it could be blamed on the anti-Castro Cubans. This would still leave the men on top safe and out of it if Oswald was the only go-between.

Sincerely -

REVERLY BRUNSON

Take care of yourself - I don't agree entirely with
Mr. Penn Jones - but it's worth thinking about. Some
people think Dorothy Kilgallen got too close.

Like to make a little bet? They will release X-ray photos of
Kennedy from the neck up - and they will show a bullet
hole in the back of the neck? Ex it ~~would~~ wounded which
they will call entrance wound.

The "Walker" Letter

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1. "This is the key to the mailbox which is located in the main post office in the city on Ervay Street. This is the same street where the drugstore in which you always waited is located. You will find the mailbox in the post office which is located 4 blocks from the drugstore on that street. I paid for the box last month so don't worry about it."

Since, according to the Report, Oswald paid box rent in Dallas in October & December 1962 and in March, 1963, for Box 2915; and in October, 1962 for box 6---, the letter would have been written in November 1962 or in January, April or November 1963. However, when Oswald was arrested in November 1963 he had one key to box 6--- on him and Inspector Holmes of the Post Office Department later confirmed that only one key had been issued for the box. Section 10 of this letter also eliminates this date of November 1963 for the letter because it refers to one "baby" when the Oswalds had two. (It would also indicate that a date of April, 1963, could be eliminated since by that time the Oswalds would presumably have been aware that a second child was on the way, or at least suspected it; why would Oswald mention the one child and not the one on the way in a letter of this type?)

With November 1963 eliminated as a possible date for this letter, that leaves only Box 2915 and a date of November, 1962 or January or April 1963.

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Oswald ~~said~~ during interrogation that he may have on occasion given a key to his P.O. boxes to his wife. Since she didn't have a key to Box 6---, we can eliminate that again. But the letter then obviously refers to the ~~same~~ time Oswald gave Marina a key to box 2915. (And possibly only time, of course, though that is irrelevant.) This would be the ~~first~~ time he gave her a key to box 2915 since he gives her explicit directions on how to find the post office. He does not mention the box number, which means either that she already knew it or that it was on the outside of the envelope in which he enclosed the letter and the key. Marina said in testimony that he wrote to her during their period of separation in October-November 1962 and had put a box number on the letters. So she knew the Box number at that time, but presumably was not using the box herself. When did she start using the box? Obviously, she must have been using the box at the time she wrote a letter to an ex-boyfriend in Russia, since the letter was returned to the box because postal rates had gone up ~~one cent~~.

My check with the post office here and with a stamp collector reveals that Congress passed a bill increasing Postal rates on October 12, 1962; but lower rates stayed in effect until January 9, 1963. This would indicate that Marina was using the box about that time for personal mail which she didn't care to have Oswald get hold of; therefore she probably had a key to the box at that time. This would seem to mean a date of April, 1963 is out, ~~since surely by this time the rates will have been~~ ~~one of the higher rates~~. ~~Therefore~~ we should be able to ~~safely~~ assume that the letter to the boyfriend was written not much later than January 1963, and that Marina had her key and was using the box by then. She says the letter was returned - "this was just the time postage rates went up by one cent". This ought to eliminate any need for directions to the P.O. later than that time, January 9, 1963.

So the first sentence of this letter would seem to eliminate any dates

for the letter but November 1962 or January 1963; and probably eliminates January 1963 also.

Sentence
3. I paid the house rent on the 2nd so don't worry about it.

This sentence could refer to any one of the three apartments which the Oswald's rented, Mercedes Street in Fort Worth, Elsbeth or Neely Street in Dallas. The rent was due on the Neely Street apartment on the 2nd and according to the Commission paid April 2nd. Rent was also due on the Elsbeth Street apartment on the 3rd of the month. But just because the rent referred to was paid on the 2nd doesn't mean it was due the 2nd. We learn from testimony and the Report that Oswald was behind with his rent in Fort Worth in October 1962 and worried about it. He may have paid up this rent, expecting to be absent a while, and not wanting Marina to "worry about it." I think this sentence could refer to any of the three apartments and indicate any of the three possible dates.

Sentence
4. Recently I also paid for water and gas."

Apparently the Oswalds did not pay a water bill on Elsbeth Street. However, some people say "water and gas" when they merely mean "utilities." Also, the sentence could refer to water and gas bills on the Mercedes Street apartment in Ft. Worth. If Oswald was behind in his rent there, he more than likely was behind in the utility bills too. In my view this does not eliminate a date of November 1962 for this letter.

Sentence
5. "The money from work will possibly be coming. The money will be sent to our post office box. Go to the bank and cash the check."
"Possibly" is the key word here since it indicates doubt.

Oswald left his job with Leslie Welding in Fort Worth without notice in late September or early October 1963 (The Report says October - however, Life's biography quotes a representative of the company as saying late September). He wrote and told them to send his pay to Box 2915 in Dallas. He may well have been in some doubt as to whether they would do so.

In January 1963 Oswald had a steady job with Jaggers Stovall in Dallas. This sentence seems to eliminate January 1963 as a date for the letter.

In early April Oswald allegedly was fired from his job with Jaggers-Stiles-Stovall in Dallas. A man is usually paid up in full when he is fired. He would certainly expect to get what pay was due him and no "possibly" about it. A date of April 1963 is doubtful for this sentence.

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10. "I left you as much money as I could, \$60. on the second of the month. You and the baby can live for another 2 months using \$10.00 per week."

This sentence certainly suggests that at the time of writing the Oswalds are separated. He had seen her on the "second" and given her \$60.00. But November 1962 would be the only ~~xxxx~~ date this letter could have been written when they were separated. They were not separated in January 1963 and not until late April 1963.

Sentences

11. "If I am alive and taken prisoner, the city jail is located at the end of the bridge through which we always passed in going to the city, right in the beginning of the city after crossing the bridge."

As does sentence one, this letter refers to a time when Marina was unfamiliar with Dallas; it also indicates a time when Oswald himself was not too familiar with Dallas since he had in fact directed her to the county jail and not the city jail as he thought. This indicates November 1962.

Since no section of this letter eliminates November 1962 and, in fact, several sections weigh heavily in favor of that date and virtually eliminate the other possible dates -January, 1963 and April, 1963, it seems to me that it is only reasonable to consider that the letter was probably written in November 1962 and to further investigate that period of Oswald's ~~infixxx~~ life to see what he was up to.

Other sentences indicate something of the nature of his ~~actions~~ contemplated action. For instance, if his clothes were to be destroyed, he didn't really expect to be incarcerated in the city jail - for in that case he would need his clothes. If he weren't arrested he would presumably (if it was merely an attack on Walker) return home and he would need his clothes. He was obviously planning to be absent for a certain length of time. I suspect a "defection" of some sort, probably to Cuba - which would also fit a plane hijacking.